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SUBJ: PRE-ELECTION REPORT ON BINH DUONG

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1. THERE ARE 113,065 VOTES AT STAKE IN BINH DUONG AND THE THIEU-KY SLATE MAY WIN AS MANY AS HALF. T
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ANDNATIVE SON NGUYEN HGO HIEP ARE MOST FREQUENTLY MENTIONED OF CIVILIAN CANDIDATES BUT NEITHER WILL CUT VERY DEEPLY INTO THIEU-KY LEAD.

2. PROVINCE CHIEF LT COL. LYTONG BA EXPECTS A HIGH VOTER TURNOUT AND PRAISES THE LOCAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE FOR DOING A GOOD JOB. CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES HAVE

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THUS FAR BEEN CONFINED TO DISTRIBUTION OF POSTERS AND LEAFLETS. AS OF AUGUST 28, VOTER INTEREST DOES NOT APPEAR HIGH. A CATHOLIC PRIEST IN BINH DUONG STATES WHAT IS PROBALY A PREVALENT VIEW: "WE HAVE A CHOICE BETWEEN STATILITY (THIEU) AND THE BEST MAN (HUONG)."

3. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF ELECTION TAMPERING IN BINH DUONG, ALTHOUGH SOME LEAFLETS HAVE BEEN PICKED UP THERE TOUTING THE THIEU-KY SLATE AND SIX UPPER HOUSE TICKETS. THE LEAFLETS ARE REPRODUCED FROM USIS STATIONARY (SEE REFTEL).

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